

decision is rendered. It shall thereupon be the duty of the commission immediately to certify up to the supreme court the record of its proceedings, showing in such certificate the valuation claimed by the association, the valuation claimed by the purchaser, and the valuation as determined by the commission. Such certificate shall be accompanied by copies of all papers, documents, and evidence upon which the decision of the commission was based and a copy of such decision. Upon any such appeal the supreme court may in its behalf take or require further evidence to be introduced by either party.

Termination of franchise, etc., on payment.

"Within six months after the determination of the purchase price, as aforesaid, the same shall be paid to the association, and thereupon the franchise granted hereby shall cease and determine, and all the property of said association shall become the property of such purchaser without any further conveyance; but said association shall make all such further conveyances as may be desired by the purchaser and approved by said commission or said court on appeal."

Approved, August 7, 1916.

August 7, 1916.  
[H. R. 17053.]

[Public, No. 179.]

**CHAP. 276.**—An Act Making additional appropriations for the Public Health Service for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and seventeen.

Public Health Service.  
Additional appropriations.  
*Act*, p. 278.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the following additional sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Public Health Service for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and seventeen, namely:

Assistant surgeons.

For additional assistant surgeons, \$50,000.

Interstate quarantine service.  
*Act*, p. 279.

Interstate Quarantine Service: For cooperation with State and municipal health authorities in the prevention of the spread of contagious and infectious diseases in interstate traffic, \$85,000.

Approved, August 7, 1916.

August 8, 1916.  
[H. R. 10668.]

[Public, No. 180.]

**CHAP. 295.**—An Act To repeal section four of the Act of Congress approved June eleventh, nineteen hundred and six, known as the forest homestead Act, and for other purposes.

National forests.  
Restrictions on agricultural entries in Black Hills, S. D., removed.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section four of the Act of Congress, approved June eleventh, nineteen hundred and six, entitled "An Act to provide for the entry of agricultural lands within forest reserves," as amended by the Act of February eighth, nineteen hundred and seven (Statutes at Large, volume thirty-four, page eight hundred and eighty-three), and by the Act of July third, nineteen hundred and twelve (Statutes at Large, volume thirty-seven, page one hundred and eighty-eight), be, and the same is hereby, repealed. All lands within national forests in Lawrence and Pennington Counties, in South Dakota, shall be and remain subject to all other provisions of the said Act of June eleventh, nineteen hundred and six, and Acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto.

Vol. 34, pp. 234, 883.

Vol. 37, p. 188.

Approved, August 8, 1916.

August 8, 1916.  
[H. R. 10668.]

[Public, No. 181.]

**CHAP. 296.**—An Act To authorize the construction, maintenance, and operation of a bridge across the Black River at or near Bennetts Ferry, Arkansas.

Black River.  
Clay County, Ark., may bridge, Bennetts Ferry.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the county of Clay, in the State of Arkansas, be, and it is hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the

Black River at or near Bennetts Ferry at a place where the public highway leading from Corning to Piggott crosses said river, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March twenty-third, nineteen hundred and six.

Construction.  
Vol. 34, p. 84.

SEC. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

Approved, August 8, 1916.

CHAP. 297.—An Act To give the consent of the Congress to the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi River near and above the city of New Orleans, Louisiana, and for other purposes.

August 8, 1916.  
[H. R. 16185.]

[Public, No. 182.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the city of New Orleans, a municipal corporation existing under the laws of the State of Louisiana, its successors and assigns, when authorized by the State of Louisiana, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Mississippi River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, near and above the said city, in accordance with the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March twenty-third, nineteen hundred and six: *Provided*, That subject to the provisions of this Act the Secretary of War may permit the said city of New Orleans to construct a tunnel or tunnels under said river in lieu of the bridge herein authorized in accordance with the foregoing Act approved March twenty-third, nineteen hundred and six, so far as the same may be applicable.

Mississippi River.  
New Orleans, La.,  
may bridge.

*Proviso.*  
Substitution of tunnel.

SEC. 2. That this Act shall be null and void unless the construction of said bridge or tunnels is commenced within two years and completed within five years from the date of approval hereof.

Time for construction.

SEC. 3. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

Approved, August 8, 1916.

CHAP. 301.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate commerce," approved February fourth, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, and all Acts amendatory thereof, and to enlarge the powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission,' " approved March fourth, nineteen hundred and fifteen.

August 9, 1916.  
[S. 3069.]

[Public, No. 183.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of an Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to regulate commerce,' approved February fourth, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, and all Acts amendatory thereof, and to enlarge the powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission," approved March fourth, nineteen hundred and fifteen, as reads as follows, to wit:

Interstate commerce regulations.  
Issue of bills of lading.  
Vol. 38, p. 1197, amended.

"*Provided, however*, That if the goods are hidden from view by wrapping, boxing, or other means, and the carrier is not notified as to the character of the goods, the carrier may require the shipper to specifically state in writing the value of the goods, and the carrier shall not be liable beyond the amount so specifically stated, in which case the Interstate Commerce Commission may establish and maintain rates for transportation, dependent upon the value of the property shipped